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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application simultaneously with filing as
follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

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Last Line on page, delete "(Figure 2)" *✓*

IN THE SPECIFICATION

PAGE 1

Line 1, delete "Description"

Line 5, before this line, after the title, insert:

X -- FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Line 9, change "undisplaceably" to --non-displaceably--

Line 34, before this line insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Line 35, change "designing" to --providing-

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Line 19, before this line insert:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--

Line 21, after "the" insert --figures of the--

Line 23, change the comma "," to --; and

Line 26, before this line insert:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

IN THE CLAIMS

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Before claim 1, change "Patent Claims" to --WE CLAIM:--

Please amend claims 1-4 as follows:

1. (amended) A rotor for a DC machine [which has] comprising a multiplicity of armature laminations axially one behind the other, which are provided with a locating bore and are connected [un] non-displaceably to one another by holding [means] to form an armature core, which as a whole is pushed onto a motor shaft, wherein

the locating bore (3) of each armature lamination (2) is arranged slightly eccentrically in the armature lamination (2), and wherein

the individual armature laminations (2) of the armature core (1) or groups of armature laminations (2) are arranged such that they are turned in relation to one another by at least one pole pitch or the locating bore is formed as a contoured locating hole.

2. (amended) The rotor as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the] said motor shaft is of a smooth form.

3. (amended) The rotor as claimed in claim[s]1 [or 2], wherein each armature lamination (2) is arranged on the motor shaft such that it is turned with respect to the adjacent said armature lamination (2) by 45°.

4. (amended) A process for producing a rotor for a DC machine [in which] comprising the steps of

stamping armature laminations [are] in each case [stamped] with a locating bore or contoured locating hole, and [are] subsequently connect[ed] ing the armature laminations to one another by pack-stacked stamping to form an armature core, wherein the locating bore is stamped slightly eccentrically in the armature lamination and wherein the individual armature laminations of the armature core or groups of armature laminations are arranged before the pack-stacked stamping such that they are turned in relation to one another by at least one pole pitch.

Please enter the following claim 5:

--5. The rotor as claimed in claim 2, wherein each armature lamination (2) is arranged on the motor shaft such that it is turned with respect to the adjacent said armature lamination (2) by 45°.--

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This amendment is being made simultaneously with filing this application.

The abstract, specification and the claims 1-4 have been amended and new claim 5 is presented in accordance with USA practice under 35 USC 112 and to eliminate multiple-dependent form claims. No multiple-dependent claims exist in this application as of the filing date.

No multiple-dependent form claim fees apply in this application.

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the claim filing fee and prior to an action on the merits, which is respectfully requested.

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~~Description~~

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5 The invention relates to a rotor for a DC machine which has a multiplicity of armature laminations axially one behind the other, which are provided with a locating bore and are connected ~~independently~~ ^{independently} 10 ~~independently~~ ^{independently} to one another by holding means to form an armature core, which as a whole is pushed onto a motor shaft.

Rotor cores of the aforementioned type are very widely used for DC machines, for example for servo motors in a motor vehicle, and are therefore generally known. The individual armature laminations of the armature core must be locked on the motor shaft to prevent them from turning. It is therefore necessary for relatively close tolerances to be maintained in the diameter of the motor shaft and the locating bore in the respective armature laminations, in order that the armature core can be pushed snugly onto the motor shaft. In practice, the motor shaft is provided with a knurl. This knurl presses into the lateral surface of the locating bores when the armature core is pushed on, and consequently forms a means of preventing turning for the armature core. Furthermore, the knurl has the effect of reducing the proportion of the motor shaft bearing the locating bores, as a result of which the pushing on of the armature core is facilitated.

30 A disadvantage of the known rotor is that producing the motor shaft with a knurl is complex and expensive and significantly influences the total production costs of a motor with such a rotor.

35 ~~providing~~ ^{SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION} The invention is based on the problem of ~~designing~~ ^{providing} a rotor of the type stated at the beginning in such a way that its armature core can be reliably pushed onto the motor shaft without the risk of the

individual armature laminations turning on the motor shaft and without undesirably close tolerances having to be maintained. Furthermore, a process for producing such a rotor is to be provided.

5 The first-mentioned problem is solved according to the invention by the locating bore of each armature lamination being arranged slightly eccentrically in the armature lamination and by the individual armature laminations of the armature core or groups of armature
10 laminations being arranged such that they are turned in relation to one another by at least one pole pitch.

This eccentric arrangement of the locating bores achieves the effect that the locating bore of each individual armature lamination touches the motor
15 shaft only over a relatively small region. This reduces the bearing proportion of the entire locating bore of the armature core, so that a similar effect occurs with respect to the tolerances as with a uniform bore and a knurled shaft. Since, according to the
20 invention, the bearing proportion is reduced by the forming of the locating bore and the turning of the individual armature laminations, it may be provided according to a development of the invention that the motor shaft is of a smooth form. It is also possible
25 of course to use a knurled motor shaft and, in addition, eccentric locating bores. Then, particularly great tolerances are possible. A contoured hole could also be provided in each armature lamination instead of the eccentric locating bores, which would be more
30 complex however and would exclude the possibility of the individual armature laminations being able to yield.

A particularly advantageous development of the invention comprises each armature lamination being
35 arranged on the motor shaft such that it is turned with respect to the adjacent armature lamination by 45° . In the case of such an armature core, the bearing regions of individual armature laminations run helically along the motor shaft.

The second-mentioned problem, that of providing a process for producing a rotor for a DC machine in which armature laminations are in each case stamped with a locating bore and are subsequently connected to 5 one another by pack-stacked stamping to form an armature core, is solved according to the invention by the locating bore in each case being stamped slightly eccentrically in the armature lamination and by the individual armature laminations of the armature core or 10 groups of armature laminations being arranged before the pack-stacked stamping such that they are turned in relation to one another by at least one pole pitch.

With this procedure, it is possible to dispense with knurling on the motor shaft and nevertheless 15 achieve the effect that the individual armature laminations are mounted on the motor shaft adequately firmly and such that they are secured against mutual turning. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING**

A The invention allows numerous embodiments. To 20 illustrate them further, one of these is described **Figures 1 and 2** below and is represented in the drawing, in which:

A Figure 1 shows a side view with a partial section of an armature core according to the invention.

Figure 2 shows a plan view of an individual 25 armature lamination.

Ins 102 Figure 1 shows an armature core 1, with a partial section along the line AA from Figure 2, which comprises a multiplicity of armature laminations 2 connected to one another by pack-stacked stamping. It 30 can be seen in the section that locating bores 3 of the neighboring armature laminations 2 are laterally offset.

As Figure 2 shows, each armature lamination 2 has a locating bore 3, which is arranged slightly 35 eccentrically with respect to the center of the armature lamination 2. Eight poles 4 of the armature lamination 2 can likewise be seen in Figure 2. In the case of the armature lamination 2 shown in Figure 2, the locating bore 3 is offset to the right, as seen in

the drawing; its eccentricity is thus directed to the right.

If the armature core 1 is formed with such armature laminations 2, the armature lamination located 5 under the armature lamination 2 according to Figure 1 is turned by 45° , so that its eccentricity is directed downward, as seen in the drawing. Each further armature lamination 2 is, in turn, arranged such that it is turned by 45° . The eccentricity then proceeds in 10 jumps of 45° along a helix, which is indicated by the partial section in Figure 1.

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~~WE CLAIM~~
Patent claims

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1. A rotor for a DC machine which has a multiplicity of armature laminations axially one behind the other, which are provided with a locating bore and are connected undisplaceably to one another by holding means to form an armature core, which as a whole is pushed onto a motor shaft, wherein the locating bore (3) of each armature lamination (2) is arranged slightly eccentrically in the armature lamination (2) and wherein the individual armature laminations (2) of the armature core (1) or groups of armature laminations (2) are arranged such that they are turned in relation to one another by at least one pole pitch or the locating bore is formed as a contoured locating hole.
2. The rotor as claimed in claim 1, wherein the motor shaft is of a smooth form.
3. The rotor as claimed in claims 1 or 2, wherein each armature lamination (2) is arranged on the motor shaft such that it is turned with respect to the adjacent armature lamination (2) by 45°.
4. A process for producing a rotor for a DC machine in which armature laminations are in each case stamped with a locating bore or contoured locating hole and are subsequently connected to one another by pack-stacked stamping to form an armature core, wherein the locating bore is stamped slightly eccentrically in the armature lamination and wherein the individual armature laminations of the armature core or groups of armature laminations are arranged before the pack-stacked stamping such that they are turned in relation to one another by at least one pole pitch.

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Abstract

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A rotor for a DC machine has on a motor shaft a stator core which is formed by a multiplicity of armature laminations (2). These armature laminations (2) each have a locating bore (3) which is arranged slightly eccentrically in the armature lamination (2). The individual armature laminations (2) of the armature core (1) or groups of armature laminations (2) are arranged such that they are turned in relation to one another by at least one pole pitch.

~~(Figure 2)~~

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